

**Amendments to the Specification**

The Examiner has requested that a substitute specification be filed due to the numerous amendments to improve clarity and more precisely define the invention.

No additional Amendments are made to the specification by way of this amendment. For completeness sake, the below marked-up paragraphs are provided and correspond to the amendments made in the previous response filed on August 23, 2007, which were made to the specification filed on October 27, 2006. A clean copy of the substitute specification is provided with this Amendment. Applicant submits that no new matter is injected into the application by way of the substitute specification.

Please amend the numbered paragraph [0043] on page 13 of the substitute specification filed on October 27, 2006 to correct typographical errors, as follows:

[0043] Regardless of the configuration or layout of the lottery system 100, it will often be the case that the lottery terminal unit 104, 116 will include lottery play slip or ticket readers 132 which may be used to scan an instant game ticket or a lottery play slip 300 completed by the player, and a lottery ticket 302 previously generated at a lottery ticket printer 133, to determine whether the ticket contains a winning combination. Referring to FIGS. 3 and 3A, the lottery play slip 300 and the lottery ticket 302 may be composed of paper, mylar, cardboard or any other suitable printable or encodable material. The lottery play slip 300 and lottery ticket 302 may include informational, instructional or security information such as a bar code, award details, authentication numbers, or any other desired information. Further, it will be understood that different ticket types and formats

may be used depending on the theme, format and rules of the game. The lottery ticket 302 may be printed with any optically readable material such as ink, or encoded with data on a magnetic material or other smart chip.

Please amend the numbered paragraph [0045] on page 14 of the substitute specification filed on October 27, 2006 to correct typographical errors, as follows:

[0045] The exemplary lottery play slip 300 illustrated in FIG. 3 is configured to play a keno game as indicated by the title 304. The player may select how many numbers or spots are to be matched in a given keno game at 310, thereby decreasing the odds of winning and simultaneously increasing the potential payout of a winning selection. By selecting a Quick Pick 316, the player may allow the lottery terminal unit 104 to randomly select a plurality of numbers equal to the number of spots indicated at 310. However, the player may opt to manually select the numbers by choosing numbers (i.e. spots) between 1 and 80, as indicated in the manual selection area 318. Finally, the manual or automatic selections may be consecutively played by indicating the desired number of games, for example one, two, three, four, five, ten or twenty, at 314.

Please amend the numbered paragraph [0046] on page 14 of the substitute specification filed on October 27, 2006 to correct typographical errors, as follows:

[0046] FIG. 3A details the exemplary lottery ticket 302 that may be generated in response to the selections made by the player on the lottery play slip 300. For example, the lottery ticket 302 may include a title 320 indicative of the game being played, a game area 322 that may provide results, confirmation information or other game-related information, and a status area 324 that may include wager information, drawing date, tracking information etc. Further, the lottery ticket 302 may include an advertising area 326 where messages or other consumer information may be printed, and a coding area 328 that may have a tracking number 330 and a graphical code 332. The tracking # 330 and graphical code 332 may be used to confirm the validity of the ticket, the location of purchase, amount of wager, numbers selected or any other desired information. The lottery ticket stock, or blank, may be preprinted with additional information such as, a public service message 334, a disclaimer, game rules or any other desired end-user license or contract information.

Please amend the numbered paragraph [0063] on page 21 of the substitute specification filed on October 27, 2006 to correct typographical errors, as follows:

[0063] FIG. 3B illustrates an exemplary word based lottery play slip 370 similar to the lottery play slip 300 described in FIG. 3. The word based lottery play slip 370 may include many of the general components described in connection with the lottery play slip 300, these components may be, among other things, the title 304, directions 306, general game selections 308, wager 312, number of games 314,

quick pick 316, and manual selection area 318. The word based lottery play slip 370 may further include a section by which a player can manually select a phrase. The manual selection area 318 may allow the player to code the word or play phrase 372 by filling in an indicator bubble 374 corresponding to an indicated letter 376. For example, the player may choose the play phrase 372 "The Quick Brown Fox Jumps Over the Lazy Dog" which, in turn, may be coded as described above. In other words, the player may write the desired word or play phrase 372 along the top of the play slip 370, and then fill in the indicator bubbles 374 to create a machine-readable format. The indicator bubble 374 may be filled in by a selection mark 378 that may be a No. 2 pencil mark, ink, or any other magnetically, or optically readable sign.

Please amend the numbered paragraph [0068] on page 23 of the substitute specification filed on October 27, 2006 to correct typographical errors, as follows:

[0068] Regardless of the manner in which the play phrase is defined or the general way in which the optional word based lottery play slip is configured, a word lottery ticket memorializing the desired play phrase may be printed by the ticket printer 133 integral to the lottery terminal unit 104. Generally, the word based lottery ticket may include the same general components described in connection with the lottery ticket 302, these components specifically may include, among other things, the title 320, game area 322, status area 324, advertising

area 326, coding area 328 including the tracking number 330 and graphical code 332.

Please amend the numbered paragraph [0072] on page 25 of the substitute specification filed on October 27, 2006 to correct typographical errors, as follows:

[0072] The character string 386 is randomly and independently generated with respect to the play phrase 372. It will be understood that generation of the character string 386 can be accomplished in through a variety of processes. However, regardless of the generation process employed each possible outcome can be assigned a probability. This is what allows the assignment of precise prizes. The correlation between the character string 386 and the words in the phrase determines the winners. For example, the game could be defined such that there are no repeats allowed in the character string 386 and each letter can be used as many times as desired. A word is "won" if it can be formed from the letters contained within the character string 386 wherein each letter in the character string 386 can be used as many times as desired.